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I greatly enjoyed your column of 16 July 1955 and I am sorry I did not know you were present the other day in order to have a chance to meet you as I have been reading your columns with pleasure and edification for many years.

One of the oldest marks of a free civilization is the attachment of the individual to his land and anything that disturbs that arouses the keenest passions. This I fully realize, and the last thing that I want to stir up is the resentment of potential neighbors in case I should obtain Congressional approval to consider the Langley site. Frankly, I feel that the consequences of our moving out to Langley have been somewhat overdrawn, and I quite naturally would like to have my office building located where it would be most accessible to my fellow workers and where the conditions under which they work would be best. In any event, I am open-minded, as I am sure you are, and while my tobacco only costs two dollars a pound, and sometimes less as I shift around a bit, I should enjoy the opportunity of talking with you and maybe I could persuade you that our people would not be such bad neighbors after all, if we should become your neighbors.

Faithfully yours,

**Allen W. Dallas**  
**Director**

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